La Peña Cultural Center
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La Peña Cultural Center

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Café Valparaíso at La Peña

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner
Wednesdays: 5:30pm-9:30pm
Thursdays: 11am-2pm & 5:30pm-9:30pm
Fridays: 11am-10:30pm
Saturdays: 10am-10:30pm
Sundays: 10am-9:30pm
Phone/fax (510) 841-3800

* indicates that this program is a community rental and/or benefit and that La Peña discount cards are not valid. Programs subject to change.
La Peña is wheelchair accessible. La Peña is a member of the Latino Arts Network of California and the National Performance Network (NPN).

Two-Month Calendar
See back for August
Take Direct Action, End the War in Iraq!
Visit: www.actagainstwar.net for info.

www.lapena.org

The Latest News and Updates About La Peña and its Shows, Win Free Admissions in our Monthly Raffle: Subscribe to our Bi-Weekly ENewsletter at www.lapena.org

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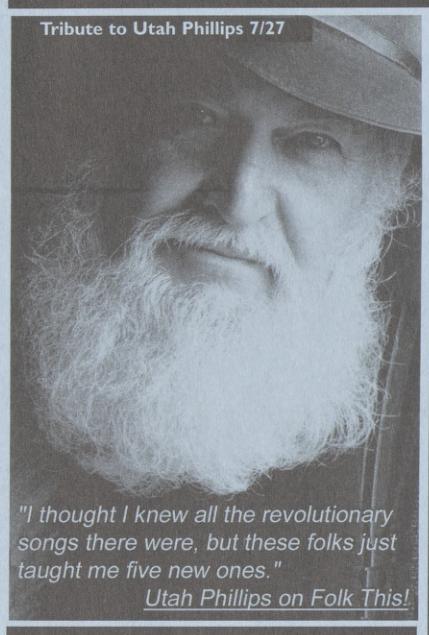
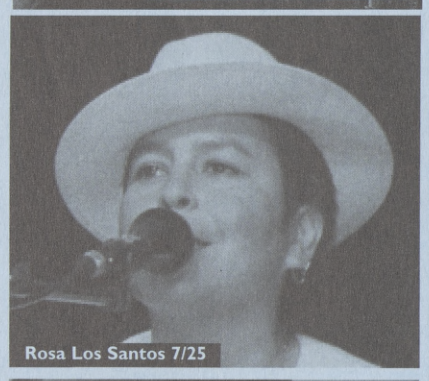

Tribute to Utah Phillips 7/27

"I thought I knew all the revolutionary songs there were, but these folks just taught me five new ones."
Utah Phillips on Folk This!

The Cataracs 7/9


Rosa Los Santos 7/25

Yosvani Terry 7/18-22

Saul Kaye 7/31

WIRELESS ACCESS AVAILABLE AT CAFE VALPARAISO

Pellejo Seco 7/12

The Park 7/11

MONDAYS AND TUESDAYS MUSIC CLASSES. CHECK WWW.LAPENA.ORG

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN	3 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN	4 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN	5 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN

La Peña is a proud member of **Berkeley Businesses for Peace**

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"A patriot must always be ready to defend his country against his government."
Edward Abbey

Enjoy Latin American cuisine at Cafe Valparaiso.
check www.lapena.org for up-to-the-minute programming
Help Support La Peña with eScrip EScrip is a way for La Peña to raise funds through everyday purchases made at eScrip merchants. Hundreds of merchants contribute a percentage to La Peña when you shop. Call 510 849-2568 ext. 12 to learn more.

SUNDAY

6 DOMINGO DE RUMBA 3:30-6PM
International music for human rights, to knock down walls & lift spirits.
The Troublemakers Union
Inter-Dependence 2008 is the theme; music of *multi-cultural America* is the sound; liberation & co-operation is the call, as we close the July 4th weekend. With experimental ingredients from Cuba, Mississippi, Peru, Trinidad, France, Puerto Rico, & Native America.
7pm $10*

9 LESBIAN IDENTIFIED POETRY OPEN MIC 7:30PM
The La Peña debut of Berkeley's own hometown heroes
The Cataracs
Praised by XLR8R and The Fader for their electro-pop meets hip hop style, these young innovators have created a sound that combines raw youthful energy with space-age melodies and Bay Area flavor.
8-11pm $10 gen. $7 students w/ID

10 BENEFIT
Merritt and Laney College students and Central American Refugee Committee
Report back from El Salvador
where they delivered school and medical supplies to impoverished villages devastated by the civil war.
7pm Voluntary Donations (greatly appreciated)

11 HIP HOP
The Park
Presents... Vol. 1
One of the Bay Area's most in-demand rhythm sections supplies the beats for Secluded Journalists, Nino Moschella, Melina Jones, Do Dat, Mia Zuniga, Gavin, & more in one continuous mix! With DJ's Haylow (Distortion2Static) & Phatrick.
9pm $10 general $7 students

12 DANCE
SF Bay Area's Cuban Son Fusion
Pellejo Seco
skillfully blends strands of various musical genres from blues, rock, jazz, flamenco to hip-hop, with the unmistakable sound of *Cuban Son* and the yearning melodies of the Cuban troubadour. Various critics have heralded *Pellejo Seco* as the next Buena Vista Social Club.
8:30-9:30pm: *salsa dance lesson with Molly Vitorte*. Show begins at **9:30pm**
$10 adv. $13 dr.

13 CONCERT
Creative Voices, a chamber choir, presents
¡Maracaibera!
From Venezuela comes the music of the ***Quinteto Contrapunto***. Unpublished for nearly 40 years, the original arrangements for this group (composed by *Rafael Suarez*), have been newly unearthed by Creative Voices Music Director ***Eduardo Mendelievich.*** Accompanied by Venezuelan cuatro player ***Maria Fernanda Acuña***. Tix in advance at: creativevoices.org
7pm $18 dr. $15 adv. *

16 FILMS
The gains the Nicaraguan people achieved in their struggle for democracy through elections. **Adrian Carrasco Zanini** will screen three of his films
Nicaragua for the First Time, Nicaragua: a Vote Under War, & Comandante
There will be a Q & A with the director.
7:30pm $6 gen. $5 (students/seniors)

17 HERSTORIC CONCERT
Women Drummers International presents
Women Drum Masters: Born to Drum
In honor of women drummers gathering for the weekend camp, *Born To Drum*, we present a concert by this amazing faculty: Edwina Lee Tyler, Linda Tillery, Jackie Rago, Mabiba Baegne, Nydia Mata, Carolyn Brandy, Adwoa Kudoto, Virginia Lopez, Afia Walking Tree, Susu Pampanin, Michaelle Goerlitz, Janet Koike, Suki, & Elizabeth Sayre.
8pm $22 adv. $25 dr.

18 CUBAN DESCARGA
Inspiring & energetic evening of Afro-Cuban Jazz. Direct from New York!
Yosvany Terry:
Ye-dé-gbé & the Afro-Caribbean Legacy
Yosvany Terry, saxes & chekere, Pedro Martinez, lead vocal & percussion, Osmany Paredes, piano, Ramon "Sandy" Perez, percussion, Felix "Pupi" Insua, dance, Roman Diaz, percussion, and Yunior Terry, Bass. Bay Area's Jesus Diaz, John Santos & Michael Spiro will join in the jam session.
8pm $12 adv. $15 dr.

19 HIP HOP
ILL ONES Present:
THE FUNCTION
The Bay Area's Foremost Soiree of Swagger Featuring:
League 510, Bracy & ID, Do DAT,
and more
Doors: 8pm Show: 9pm
$7 Student ID
$8 General before 9:30

20 DOMINGO DE RUMBA 3:30-6PM
Project Cimarrona
presents
Cimaronaje-(Cee*ma*ron*ah*je refers to the acts of rebellion by the Cimarrones (Cee*ma*ron*es which were the Africans self-liberated from slavery in the Caribbean).
Community Dialog: Deconstructing Tradition, Modernity and Femininity in Afro Puerto Rican Bomba & bombazo.
6pm $5

22 LEC-DEM
Yosvany Terry: Ye-dé-gbé & the Afro-Caribbean Legacy
The musicians will demonstrate Cuban folkloric rhythms & how they integrate them to Jazz music.
7pm $10 adv. $12 dr.

23 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN
Wireless internet service @ Café Valparaíso

24 BEAT BOXING
The most awesome expressions of sound you will ever hear or see
Speak the Music
This show will move you and blow you away with it's ever changing variety of showcases. With ***Butterscotch, Soulati & Infinite*** from Felonious, ***Syzygy, Eachbox, Monkstilo, Constant Change, Cornbread, D.C., Icebox, Tim Barsky, The Genie, & Maximillion***.
8pm $8 (all ages)

25 CONCERT & DANCE
Celebrate Peruvian Independence Day!
Come and dance with
Rosa Los Santos
performing music from Peru and Latin America. Special guests: Fernanda Bustamante, De Rompe y Raja, members of "Nostalgia", Augusto Sandoval, Nicolas Rabanal, Carlos Britto.
8:30pm $15 adv. $18 dr.

26 DANCE
Celebrate the 26 of July,
a day commemorated in Cuba as the beginning of the start of the Cuban Revolution that led to the overthrow of the dictatorship of Batista. With that historic date in mind, lets dance to the music of
¡Tito y su son de Cuba!
playing authentic Cuban dance rhythms rumba, guaracha and son montuno. **9:30pm $12 gen. $10**
(students W/ID and seniors)

27 CONCERT
Folk This! And Friends Presents
A tribute to Utah Phillips
Join Folk This! and friends at a tribute concert honoring the late ***Utah Phillips***, singer, songwriter, storyteller, anarchist, railroad tramp, defender of the homeless and working people everywhere.
7pm $10*

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31 CONCERT
Saul Kaye
unveils his Jewish Blues Music on this night in July. Internationally touring Singer-songwriter Saul Kaye has taken a journey into his roots and dipped them into the African American Blues Tradition. Come out this night to hear what he discovered.
8-10pm $10 all ages

La Peña Enseña / La Peña Teaches
Launching New Classes
Scholarships available, no one will be turned away for lack of funds. Please contact ***Sophia*** *at 510-849-2568 x 20 for class information, registration, and scholarship information, or visit www.lapena.org.*

BORN TO DRUM – WOMEN'S DRUM CAMP
JULY 18, 19, 20 2008
Walker Creek Ranch, Petaluma
Borntodrum.org
drumcamp@borntodrum.org
510-464-5902
Produced by Carolyn Brandy and Jackie Thomason

LA PEÑA'S EXPOSICIONES / EXHIBITS

Theater: July 1 -July 27. Mexico en el Pensamiento. Mixed Media. A collection of paintings, silkscreens & photographs inspired by Mexico.

Theater: August 2-August 31. Laura & Laila. Original paintings. Laura Luzzi and Laila Espinoza are working artists living in the Bay Area. They connect through art and now exhibit their original work together for the first time.

Cafe & Cafe Lobby: July 22-August 3. Original Paintings by the late Guatemalan poet, writer & visual artist, *Maria Cristina Paz*.

Cafe & Lobby: July 1-July 17. Original paintings by Steven CHATISMO Amado.

Adv. Ticket Information
Advance sale tickets are available for a **select** number of programs. Tickets may be purchased online via our web-site, www.lapena.org. ***Advance tickets do not guarantee a seat.*** People with special needs should call **(510) 849-2568 ext. 20**

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La Peña's Dream Poetry Team: Francisco x Alarcon, Jack Herischman, Nina Serrano, Jose Montoya 8/10

Ticket Information
A $2 discount is always applied to the General Admission price for Students w/ID, Seniors (65 years and older), and Disabled, unless the event is a benefit, has a sliding scale, or otherwise noted. **Advance sale tickets** are available for a **SELECT** number of programs. Tickets may be purchased online via our web-site, www.lapena.org. ***Advance tickets do not guarantee a seat.*** People with special needs should call **(510) 849-2568 ext. 20** to arrange seating.

FRIDAY

1 CONCERT/DANCE

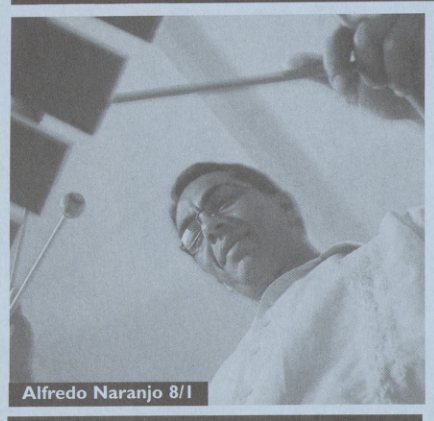
Direct from Venezuela
Alfredo Naranjo y El Guajeo
Accompanied by the band *El Guajeo*, Venezuela's virtuoso vibraphonist Alfredo Naranjo delivers a dynamic set of Latin music spanning the spectrum from mambo to rumba to salsa that showcases his mastery of the mallets.
9pm $16 adv. $18 door.

SATURDAY

2 ART EXHIBIT RECEPTION 3-5PM

California's Música Mexicana Series,
Mariachi Monumental de México de Juan Reyes
Young & highly skilled musicians working in the tradition of Mariachi & playing *sones, huapangos, rancheras, boleros, & polkas*
Ixim Tinamit
Mayan Mexican/Guatemalan marimba folkloric tradition for an evening of magical musica.
7:30pm: panel with artists hosted by Jose 'Dr. Loco' Cuellar. **8:30pm:** show.
$12 gen. ($10 before 7:30pm)

SUNDAY



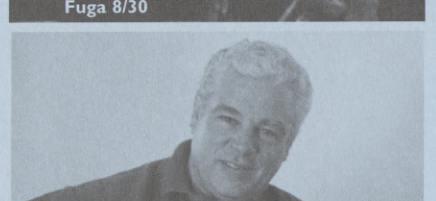
Alfredo Naranjo 8/1

3 DOMINGO DE RUMBA 3:30-6PM

A night of Music, Dance & Spoken Word
Avotcja's Birthday Bash
with Avotcja & Modupue, Lady Bianca-Oakland Blues Diva & La Familia Govea. Poetry by Adam David Miller, Genny Lim, Charles & Topaz Dubois, Eric Aviles, Leslie Simon, Raymond Nat Turner & Ziggy Lowenberg, Alejandra Mojica & MamaCoatl. Plus Carolyn Brandy, Manny Martinez, and Ian Dogle.
7pm $10-$20 Sliding Scale
Wheelchair accessible and all ages welcome

10 ARTE POETICA

Dream Poetry Team
La Peña celebrates California's full-fledged voices of poetry, the ripened voices that have taught up & coming new generations and uphold resolutely the *arte poética* for the people.
Alarcón, Francisco x Hirschman, Jack Montoya, Jose Serrano, Nina
MC by La Peña's **Fernando A. Torres**
7pm $5



Fuga 8/30

17 DOMINGO DE RUMBA 3:30-6PM

An inspiring evening of men's stories examining social ideas about masculinity.
The Men's Story Project
A diverse group of men sharing their works on topics including sexuality, friendship, family, culture, rites of passage, HIV/AIDS, violence, immigration, & transformations. Pieces include spoken word, monologues, music & dance, followed by audience discussion.
7:30pm $12-20 sliding scale

Jon Fromer 8/8

24 CONCERT

Alex Pfeifer-Rosenblum
in concert
Alex's soulful presence, emotive voice, fresh folk-rock style, and introspective lyrics - ranging from the personal to the political - make every performance unique and memorable. For more info, visit: www.myspace.com/greenchaircircle
8pm $10 adv. $12 dr.
$10 students/seniors

31 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN

LA PEÑA WISH LIST
- Mac laptop with wireless
- PC laptop with wireless capacity
- Clean carpet with sealed edges, 10'X12' for the kid's programs
- Shure 58 & 57 mics

GIVING CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE
There are MANY ways you can support La Peña Cultural Center. Donate money, no amount is too small or too great. Donate through your employer. Become a monthly sustainer. Join Escrip.com and support La Peña while you shop. Become a member for only $35 a year. Put La Peña in your will.

Go to www.lapena.org and donate securely. Call (510) 849-2568 ext. 12 for more information on other ways to donate or to become a table host.

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NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

WEDNESDAY

6 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN

Not a big enough house for all your guests? Did you know you can
RENT US?
Plan your activity at La Peña. Priority is given to day time rentals
Call us at (510) 849-2568 exts. 17 or 11

13 LESBIAN IDENTIFIED POETRY OPEN MIC 7:30PM

Enchanting traditional music of the northwest corner of Iberia with Galician folk musicians
Alexandre Cadarso Javier Blanco
Alexandre plays the gaita, the bagpipe of Galica, the flute & the accordion. Javier plays the diatonic accordion & mandolin. They have played for festivals across Galicia, and now bring their exciting & exhilarating music to the US.
7:30pm $10-$20

20 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN FOR DINNERS

THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTERS
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27 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN

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FOR UP-TO-THE-MINUTE PROGRAMMING

THURSDAY

7 NOCHE DE MAESTROS

La Gran Noche de la Música Argentina
Marcelo Ledesma
in concert
From Buenos Aires singer Marcelo Ledesma teams up with great *maestros* Guido "Ritmo" Moscoso, Quique Coria, and Roberto Hernandez for a exquisite night of *Tango ciudadano* and favotite folk rhythms such as *zambas, chacareras, bagualas* and *cachaimantas*.
8pm $12

14 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN

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21 BEAT BOXING

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8pm $8 (all ages)

28 FILMS

The Int. Latino Film Society's CINE365
Tres/Three
Dirs. Anna Christopher, Robert Weiermair; Paula Christensen, USA/Brazil, 26 min. Stories based on the poetry of Carlos Christensen.
Lorca; así que pasen cien años
Dirs. Javier Rioyo and Jose L. Lopez-Linares, 55 min, Spain. A look at Lorca's friends, music, & social movements that influenced his work.
7pm $6 gen. $5 (*ILFS members*)

8 CONCERT

CD release Concert & Celebration
Jon Fromer in Concert
Jon Fromer has a new CD full of humanity and hope. Come hear the songs, get your own copy of *Gonna Take Us All* and celebrate this beautiful recording.
8pm. $12
CDs for sale

15 MEXICAN MUSIC SERIES

California's Mexican Music Series continues with the best Bay Area *Conjunto* music
Conjunto Los Pochos
Texas & Mexico conjunto styles with original and classic favorites.
Conjunto Romero
A Tex-Mex/Norteño family band playing a danceable *Mexicano-Tejano* music.
7:30pm: panel with artists hosted by Jose Cuellar, *Dr. Loco*. **8:30pm**: show
$12 gen. - $10 before 7:30pm

22 THEATER

A young girl holding on to her hopes & dreams of a better life
Prisons
Performed by Shanique Scott
Directed by Ellen Sebastian Chang & Rhodessa Jones. The story of a young girl holding on to her hopes and dreams of a better life in contrast to her experience of chaos, despair and loss that surrounds her world. When she is finally successful in manifesting a different experience, she is faced with a decision of whether to let her past become a ***Prison*** or taking a risk for something new.
Fri. 22 & Sat. 23. 8pm $15 adv. $18 door

29 HIP HOP

ILL ONES Present:
THE FUNCTION
The Bay Area's Foremost Soiree of Swagger.
Come and Party with the
ILL ONES
A party to include several bay area hip-hop and soul acts.
$7 w/ Student ID
$8 General before 9:30 pm

23 THEATER

30 DANCE / CONCERT

Mr Obama, Tear down the Walls!
La Peña Immigration Series presents
Desde la Frontera
Fuga!
Latin, alternative, punk-borderland cumbia & conjunto with contemporary ska, punk: An irresistible dance groove.
Tocayo
Combining a mix of spoken word, folk music, a sprinkling of reggae with a slightly indigenous spin.
9pm $7

Marcelo Ledesma / Guido Moscoso 8/7

Los Boleros 8/16

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and to our many generous individual donors.

Los Pochos 8/15

California's Música Mexicana: Mexican Music Series. Hosted by Jose Cuellar, a.k.a. "Dr. Loco"
Featuring music from Mexico's five distinctive geographic regions. Jose Cuellar, Ph.D. (a.k.a. Dr. Loco), noted Xicano musician, will host the events, engaging the featured artists in lively panel discussions followed by exceptional evenings of *música mexicana*!

Saturday, August 2 • 7:30pm:
Mariachi Monumental de México de Juan Reyes

Ixim Tinamit Mayan Mexican/Guatemalan marimba folkloric tradition.

Friday, August 15. 7:30pm:
Conjunto Los Pochos, Texas & Mexico conjunto styles.
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ATTENTION STUDENTS
Want to do your part for Cultural Activism for Social Justice? Become a La Peña **volunteer** or **intern** today! Internships for school credit can also be arranged.
Call Mariola at (510) 849-2568 ext.13 or email mariola@lapena.org

LA PEÑA SELLING
Allen & Heath Professional Mixing Console. Model GL220
$800 or best offer
Call (510) 849-2568 ext. 19 for details.

Making a Difference through the Arts!

Yes, I want to Support La Peña's 33rd year of making a difference through the arts!

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☐ **$500** *Padrino/Madrina* – receive an **Annual Pass,** which gets you free admission to **all La Peña events**
☐ **$250** *Victor Jara* – receive **4 Free Tickets to any La Peña event**
☐ **$100** *Paul Robeson* – receive **2 Free Tickets to any La Peña event**
☐ **$50** *Malvina Reynolds* – receive **1 Free Ticket to any La Peña event**
☐ **$35** *Compañero/Compañera* – You invest in La Peña and receive the calendar, newsletter, and mailings (only $3 per month)
☐ **$25** *Activista* – Student, fixed income, low income membership with calendar, newsletter, and mailings (only $2 per month)

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